

I am the chief staff officer of seven trade associations and foundations. The proposed rules on requiring signed permission to send a commercial fax will impose a tremendous hardship on these organizations and hinder our ability to serve our members and the public. Removing the "established business relationship" qualification from the fax regulations is bad for businesses, forcing associations and other companies to obtain the written consent of their own members, clients and industry partners before transmitting any fax that could be interpreted as commercial in nature. We have an established relationship with our members and do not use faxes if they don't want them. To do otherwise would jeopardize our membership relationship. Potential members frequently call us to ask us to fax them membership information, meeting information and other "commerical faxes." Requiring them to send us a signed release is absurd. Please revoke this proposal.